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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/615,287
Filing Date	July 7, 2003
First Named Inventor	Kunal R. Parekh
Group Art Unit	2812
Examiner Name	H. Jey Tsai
Attorney Docket Number	MI22-2260

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
Supplemental
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); Form PTO-1449 w/ copies of eleven (11) cited references.
 - iv. Other PTO Return Receipt Postcard: Chk #141303 for \$1,202.00

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge ~~any deficiencies~~ ~~the following fees~~, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 23-0925
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 12/19/2003 SDENB001 00000126 10615287
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FEE 1001 770.00 OP
 - iii. Other 432.00 OP
 - b. Check in the amount of \$1,202.00 enclosed
 - c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Mark S. Matkin	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	32,268
Signature		Date	12/16/03

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Inventor Kunal R. Parekh
Assignee Micron Technology, Inc.
Group Art Unit 2812
Examiner H. Jey Tsai
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Title: Methods of Forming Memory Circuitry

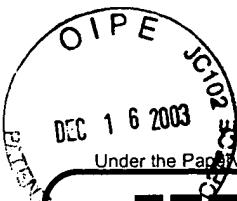
RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 3, 2003 NOTICE TO ALLOWANCE
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY RCE FILING

To: Mail Stop RCE
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Responsive to the Notice of Allowance November 3, 2003, Applicant amends and remarks as follows:

AMENDMENTS



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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**1,202.00**

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check Credit card Money Order Other None
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The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
 Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 740	2001 370			Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165			Design filing fee	
1003 510	2003 255			Plant filing fee	
1004 740	2004 370			Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80			Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$)	- 0 -	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
70	4		-46 =	24 x 18.00 =	432.00
			-4 =	0 x .00 =	.00

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$)
		432.00

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130			Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 400	2252 200			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 920	2253 460			Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,440	2254 720			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,960	2255 980			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160			Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,280	2453 640			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,280	2501 640			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 460	2502 230			Design issue fee	
1503 620	2503 310			Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	0.00
8021 40	8021 40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 740	2809 370			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 740	2810 370			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 740	2801 370			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	770.00
1802 900	1802 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

770.00

SUBMITTED BY

(Complete if applicable)

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